

## Jim Hill's Nerve

How He Thwarted Attempt of Indian Guide to Murder Him.  
(Success.)

James J. Hill, the great railway magnate, began life in a very humble way. He was a clerk on a Mississippi levee and so poor that when he was called upon to make a railroad trip of a few hundred miles he had to borrow the money to pay for his ticket. But he was full of pluck and energy, and, seeing an unoccupied gap in the field covered by the Hudson Bay company in the Red river country in Canada, he formed a partnership with a friend in St. Paul to enter the fur trade there. Their common practice was to load up an ox-train with supplies for the French-Canadian traders, who dealt directly with the Indians, make a long journey through the wilderness to the outposts and bring back their wagons laden with pelts.

On one occasion, while still a very young man, Mr. Hill was obliged to make a long midwinter trip alone. His journey led through the wildest country, and was chosen in order to reach a certain point ahead of any competitor. He filled a knapsack with rations, hired a half-breed Indian for a guide and started off. The pair had traveled about two days, away from civilization, and were in a region entirely strange, without a beaten trail or landmark of any description, when Mr. Hill grew suspicious that his guide was preparing to kill and rob him. He feared that the fellow had been tampered with by some rival fur traders. That night he slept with one eye open and saw certain things which confirmed his worst suspicions. The Indian, for example, stealthily drew the ammunition from the gun which lay nearest the supposed sleeper, leaving the other, near himself, still loaded.

Mr. Hill did some very rapid thinking within the next hour, and concluded that his alternative of choice was between submitting to be murdered and facing the perils of prairie and forest alone. When his resolve was taken he pretended to wake up and ordered his guide to prepare breakfast as usual. While this was in progress he contrived to possess himself of the loaded gun and all their joint store of ammunition. Then he opened the knapsack, took out rations enough to keep a man from starvation for a day or two, threw them into an empty flour bag and handed it to the Indian. "Now go!" he commanded, covering his companion with the loaded gun. "Go, I tell you!"

The half-breed snatched the other gun, but a glance showed him that his trick had been foiled. "Where me go?" he whined, thoroughly cowed.

"I don't care—anywhere you please, only don't let me set eyes on you again."

The guide saw that the speaker was in earnest, and, shouldering his sack of provisions, slunk away. Hill watched him go down a slight decline in the rolling ground, and up the ascent beyond. At the crest of the second rise the fellow looked back reproachfully.

"If I had at that moment shown the slightest sign of the sinking feeling at my heart," said Mr. Hill, "discussing the incident with a friend years afterward, I should have been lost. I knew that I must not give in, so I fixed my teeth, set my eyes more steadily on him and raised the muzzle of my gun slightly as if taking sure aim. He did not pause again, but disappeared over the edge of the hillock and that was the last I ever saw of him."

The reaction, when the nervous tension was over, was terrible. The whole of intelligent guidance had vanished. I was alone in a trackless waste, inhabited only by bears, wolves and roving Indians, not even knowing how many miles I might be from civilized mankind or in what direction. With a shuddering guess at the points of the compass from the position of the sun, I shouldered my pack and gun and plodded ahead. For the rest of my journey I traveled both day and night, with brief intervals for rest but mighty little sleep.

"But my tough experience did me a world of good after all. It really made a man of me. After that day, whenever I have faced a great problem for which my thought needed to be quick and my resolution inexorable, a picture has risen before my mental vision, the link-streaked dawn; the smoke curling in the frosty air from the embers of the breakfast fire; the snow-covered wilderness; the knolls and hollows; the figure of the half-breed Indian as he paused on the crest of the rising ground, and looked back at me for the last time. And I can today feel the sense of utter desolation which came upon me as I struck out for the north with no guide but the rising sun. Whatever strength of character may have done for me in later years I owe to that adventure of my youth."

### The President's Rice Dinner.

"President Roosevelt has a splendid memory," said a caller at the White House to a Washington Star reporter recently. "He remembers even small details of even the most exciting times. Some time ago General Wheeler visited the president and the visit immediately recalled incidents of the Santiago campaign and the flight of San Juan hill. 'Do you remember, general,' said the president, 'that when we reached the top of the hill we found a pile of splendidly cooked rice steaming hot in the pots?' General Wheeler remembered, and the president continued: 'I thought that was the best rice I ever ate or ever saw. We were hungry, worn out and tired and had eaten nothing but canned meats for days. The cooked rice was a great blessing. It had been prepared for dinner for the Spaniards, but they had been run out of their intrenchments before they expected, and we captured the rice. I sat down to the pots and divided the rice out among the officers and men, giving an equal portion to each. It is needless to say that the feast was the most enjoyable one we had in Cuba.'"

### Racing For a Train.

(Philadelphia Press.) "Gracious, how fast you're running!" remarked the dressmaker's lapboard. "You must be in a great hurry."

"I should say so," replied the sewing machine. "I've got to make a train."

### Had His Limit.

Cochman—I am going to leave, sir. I can't stand the missus. Employer—Too strict, is she? Cochman—Yes, sir. She keeps forgetting that I can leave any time, and bullies me just as if I were you.

### Will Arouse His Apathy.

(New York World.) A Pneumatic Tool Trust, with \$10,000,000 capital, is the latest problem for Mr. Knox to refrain from attacking.

# WALKER'S STORE.



## End of the Year Clearance

OF

## Women's Ready-to-Wear

Monday and all the week. Hundreds of women have been waiting for this announcement. The year-end sale of women's garments comes with such regularity that the passing of Christmas ever finds earnest seekers awaiting the bidding to come. The stock has been kept wonderfully complete in variety of styles and sizes in all the lines of coats, suits, skirts and waists, so the choosing is better than most end-of-season sales can usually offer.

## Entire Stock is Included and Has Thorough Going Reductions,

but you will have to read all that follows to get full detail. Read:

### Entire Stock of Furs One-third Off Regular Prices.

Some superb fur pieces are here. Fashionable beauties that will never be anything less than choice because genuine. Short and long scarfs in the season's favorite shapes, collarettes, muffs and coats made of Persian lamb, sealskin, mink, marten, electric seal, sea otter, beaver, kimmer, etc. Included are all furs for misses and children. Prices Monday and the week—

|                              |         |                              |       |
|------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|-------|
| All \$4.95 fur pieces .....  | \$ 3.30 | All \$20.00 fur pieces ..... | 13.34 |
| All \$6.00 fur pieces .....  | 4.00    | All \$25.00 fur pieces ..... | 16.75 |
| All \$10.00 fur pieces ..... | 6.50    | All \$40.00 fur pieces ..... | 26.67 |
| All \$15.00 fur pieces ..... | 10.00   | All \$75.00 fur pieces ..... | 50.00 |

Up to \$200.00 Garments—One-third Off Regular Prices.

### Women's \$22.50 and \$25.00 Tailor Suits—\$14.75. \$13.00 and \$15.00 Suits—\$7.85.

The \$22.50 and \$25.00 dresses are made of handsome broadcloth, Panama cloth, covert and fine chevrons in black, navy blue, castor, red and green; perfectly tailored every one. Jackets are tight fitting with silk faced lapels, or have fancy vests of velvet, and silk or satin lined; skirts are the new seven-gore with graduated flounces. Reduced from \$22.50 and \$25.00 for this sale to—\$14.75.

The \$13.00 and \$15.00 suits are made of navy blue, castor and black chevrons with tight fitting jackets nicely trimmed with straps of satin or taffeta silk, collars of velvet; skirts flare-shape and lined with good percaleine. Stylish, genteel suits that have sold until now at \$13.00 and \$15.00, reduced for the end of the year sale to—\$7.85.

### Other Suit Reductions.

The entire stock of tailor dresses priced up to \$50.00 for this sale—ONE-FOURTH TAKEN OFF REGULAR PRICES.  
All imported gowns, \$65.00 to \$135.00 at—HALF PRICE.

### All Raglans and Long Coats—One-fourth Off Regular Prices

Admiration certainly fell to the long coat this season—especially by those of ultra fashionable taste, and one thing can't be denied they have a jaunty, naive air impossible to the short coat. Plenty here to choose from—raglan, ulster and box coat, half fitting and loose backs, in cheviot, golf cloth or fine kersey. Monday and the week—

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|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-------|
| The \$20.00 coats for ..... | \$15.00 | The \$50.00 coats for ..... | 37.50 |
| The \$25.00 coats for ..... | 18.75   | The \$75.00 coats for ..... | 56.25 |
| The \$30.00 coats for ..... | 22.50   |                             |       |

### Women's Jackets All Half Prices.

There's many a beautiful jacket here yet—smart, stylish, the season's best fashions in 27 or down to the 42-inch lengths—and many a woman has deferred the purchase of a winter coat in order to benefit by this end of the year sale. Monday and the week choose from—

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| All \$10.00 jackets at ..... | \$ 5.00 | All \$40.00 jackets at ..... | 20.00 |
| All \$15.00 jackets at ..... | 7.50    | All \$50.00 jackets at ..... | 25.00 |
| All \$20.00 jackets at ..... | 10.00   | All \$75.00 jackets at ..... | 37.50 |
| All \$25.00 jackets at ..... | 12.50   |                              |       |

### All Capes Half Price.

For downright convenience and ever readiness, aside from real comfort—the cape. Some fine ones still remain with us in golf cloth, plush, kersey and boucle, differently made and in different lengths. For this sale—

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| The \$6.75 capes .....  | \$ 3.38 | The \$15.00 capes ..... | 7.50  |
| The \$10.00 capes ..... | 5.00    | The \$20.00 capes ..... | 10.00 |

### Women's Kid Gloves and Mittens Much Under Regular.

A lot of odds and ends of women's fine French kid gloves gathered in a way to give every size, but not in every color. At regular they were \$1.50 and \$2.00 a pair. Monday and while they last—\$1.00.

All of our "Premiere" kid gloves, first favorites with many women, hand-sewed, well cut, in reds, browns, tan, slate, opera, but only a few white; two clasps; instead of \$2.00 a pair—\$1.50.

Mocha kid mittens, fleece-lined, not every size; enough for Monday and Tuesday, reduced from \$1.00 to—75c.

Women's handsome black silk mittens, fancifully knitted backs, reduced from \$1.75 a pair to—\$1.35.

### Embroidered French Flannel Waist Patterns, Flannels, Flannelettes, Reduced.

A few handsomely embroidered French flannel waist patterns, choice kinds that are boxed, only one each of these colors here now—pink, blue, sage and red; so reduced from \$7.50 each to half price—\$3.75.

Another small lot, not quite so elaborately embroidered, \$3.75 kinds—\$1.95.

The entire stock of fleece-lined flannelettes, 15c a yard regular—10c. All plain color French flannels—very nearly every color in stock—sold regularly at 75c a yard—60c.

Walker Brothers Dry Goods Co.

### Silk Dress Skirts to \$32.50 for \$18.75.

### Walking Skirts to \$3.50—\$1.95.

The silk skirts are fashionable and pretty, en train, as they should be, and made of the best taffeta silk or soft peau de soie. Many are elaborately trimmed, tucked and with full flare flounce, drop skirts of silk or lined with fine quality percaleine; \$25.00, \$27.50 and \$32.50 silk dress skirts reduced for this end of the year sale to—\$18.75.

The walking skirts are made of fine melton cloth in dark oxford gray and brown mixtures, with flare flounce plentifully tailor stitched; the group is made up of \$2.45, \$2.95 and \$3.50 skirts reduced to—\$1.95.

### Entire Stock of Separate Skirts Reduced.

Besides these told of every separate skirt here, whether beautiful silk or cloth, and they range in price \$6.75 up to \$65.00, for this end of the year sale has—ONE-FOURTH TAKEN OFF REGULAR PRICE.

### Women's Shirt Waists up to \$7.50—\$3.95.

A fine lot to choose from—corduroy, velvet, imported and domestic flannels, tucked, corded or handsomely trimmed. Fully four or five months yet for you to wear them, but our clearance time is now so not any longer shall they remain. Every size from 32 to 44, and sold regularly at \$6.00 and \$7.50. Choice—\$3.95.

Women's flannel waists, red only, trimmed with black braid on front, collar and cuffs, 85c values—35c.



### Silk Petticoats, Bath Robes, Gowns--

### One-fourth Off Regular Prices.

A long time was consumed in "thinking" before the final decision to put sacrifice prices on silk petticoats. In just a little while, when the spring gown is being considered, their time of quick selling will be here, but the principle of clearance won the day, so, should you anticipate a future need, there'll be nothing to regret. A splendid stock of every color, every pretty style and make of good silks—taffeta, peau de soie or brocade. Prices \$7.50 and between to—\$65.00. This week—ONE-FOURTH TAKEN OFF THESE PRICES.

Women's flannelette night gowns in neat stripes with rolling collars, plain or trimmed with colored embroidery, some with embroidery silk scalloped edge—\$1.25 to \$3.50. ONE-FOURTH OFF THESE PRICES.

Entire stock of bath robes, eiderdown and other kinds—\$3.95 up to \$12.75—ONE-FOURTH OFF.

Dressing saques, Matinees of every kind, \$1.50 to \$4.50 regular—ONE-FOURTH OFF.

### 75c to \$1.00 Dressing Sacques—45c.

Made of pink and blue outing flannel in kimono style and trimmed with plain collar on front, neck and sleeves; very neat, 75c and \$1.00 the regular price, now—45c.

### \$1.25 to \$3.50 Sateen Petticoats—95c.

Excellent petticoats, but broken lines. Made of mercerized sateen in black and colors, with deep acordion flounce or two and three small ruffles. Were \$1.25 up to \$3.50, one-priced, at—95c.

### \$1.50 Women's Knit Jackets—45c.

Black wool, sleeveless, button down the front, nicely made and finished, reduced from \$1.50 to—45c.

### Corsets—35c.

Some girder corsets and straight front styles, made of sateen in pink, blue, drab and black. All sizes—35c.

### Half Prices on Art Wares

Christmas selling ever leaves a quantity of oddments in the art ware way, so that usually the profits which were submerged by the losses that follow. A whole hundred or more pieces in these left-over lots for the party favor giver to reap a rich harvest from, or others who have a liking for such oddities:

Vases, ash trays, pipe racks, match stands, powder boxes, ink stands, pen pads, desk sets, steins, pin trays, smelling bottles, paper weights, novel tape lines, and many, many other quaint-shaped useful things that have been selling at 25c, 35c, 45c, 65c and 75c each, Monday and the week—HALF PRICES.

### Exquisite Drawn Work, Linen Lunch Cloths--

### One-fourth Off Regular Prices

Most likely you've seen the beautiful Japanese drawn work, so little need is there to tell about it—how exquisitely fine the linen and what intricate patterns are worked out by these wonderfully inventive people. All we have—and there's a goodly number of pieces of doilies, center and lunch cloths, but with these we include every hand embroidered linen lunch cloth in stock, to go this week at—

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| The \$1.50 pieces ..... | \$1.13 |
| The \$1.75 pieces ..... | 1.32   |
| The \$2.00 pieces ..... | 1.50   |
| The \$4.00 pieces ..... | 3.00   |
| The \$5.00 pieces ..... | 3.75   |

Woven tapestry cushion covers—red, blue, green combination colors, reduced from 50c each to—35c.

All tinted canvas cushion covers, those that sold at 65c, 75c and 85c each—49c.

### Girls' Jackets and Long Coats--

### A Third Under Regular Prices.



As well as being the most fashionable favorites of this season, there's a lot of warmth and comfort in each one of these little coats. Made of rich melton cloth, covert or cheviot, easily lined or unlined, with box or tight fitting backs, short and long kinds. Tan color, castor and blues. For girls of 1 to 14 years. Prices on entire stock Monday and the week—

|                         |         |
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| The \$4.95 coats .....  | \$ 3.30 |
| The \$5.75 coats .....  | 3.83    |
| The \$6.50 coats .....  | 4.34    |
| The \$6.75 coats .....  | 4.50    |
| The \$9.75 coats .....  | 6.50    |
| The \$15.00 coats ..... | 10.00   |
| The \$20.00 coats ..... | 13.34   |

### Children's 75c and 85c White Lawn Dresses

### --25c.

Prettily made with tucked yokes or gathered from the neck; the lawn a fine quality neatly trimmed with embroidery. Cute little dresses for 2 and 3-year-olds, reduced from 75c and 85c to—25c.

### Fine Correspondence Papers Underpriced.

A splendid little lot of the choice Hurlbut papers for clearance in three days; these desirable kinds—Royal Highland linen, Venetian, Old London Bond and Old Amsterdam; in cream and delicate tints. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, instead of 35c a box—25c.

Hurlbut's Old Dorchester Bond and Flexine Bond in white and tints, letter and note size, three days the 30c boxes—17c.

Parisian novelty paper, note size only, in all tints, 20c a box regular—15c.

### Bottles, Ink Wells, Brooches.

Cut glass smelling bottles with sterling silver tops, that were 75c each, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday at—37c.

Salt and pepper bottles, ink wells and tooth powder bottles with sterling silver tops, that were 25c each, choice three days—15c.

Small turquoise brooches for pinning shirt waists, that were 15c each, three for 20c, or, each—7c.

### In the Carpet Store--

### Some Fourth and Half Off Prices.

Isn't a half price saving on carpets worth the anticipation of even months hence—to the spring cleaning time, if there be no sooner need? Or a fourth off the price you will have to pay in a few short months? Read of these good offers for this week:

A collection of carpet remnants—not a great number, so choosing will have to be done early—left from Axminsters that sold at \$2.40 a yard and between grades down to Ingrains at 25c and in 6 to 20-yard lengths—HALF PRICES.

These at one-fourth off:

Two patterns of Body Brussels with borders to match, \$1.40 a yard, for—\$1.05.

Two patterns of Wilton velvets without borders, \$1.25 a yard, for—96c.

Two patterns 10-wire tapestry, \$1.00 a yard—75c.

One pattern Wilton velvet with border to match, \$2.00 a yard, for—\$1.50.

Cretonnes, denims, silkolines, satens, swisses, etc., for curtains, sofa pillow covers and other uses, in remnant pieces of 1½ yards up to 6, and sold at 10c to 40c a yard—HALF PRICE.

Tapestry pieces for cushion or chair covering, values to \$1.00—50c.

Tapestry table covers, stand sizes, \$1.00 kinds—30c.

### Boys' Suits, Reefers,

### Caps--Drastic

### Reductions.

A group of choice little reefers and Russian coats—novelty garments they are called, so you may know they are quite out of the ordinary; smart in style, beautifully tailored.

Made of very fine kerseys and fancy tweeds, in red, brown and blue colors. For the small man of the household, 3 to 8 years. Were \$7.50 up to \$10.00 each, sale price—\$4.95.

Boys' reefers made of heavy chin-chilla, melton and cheviot, with warm plaid lining and high storm collars. Sizes 11 to 16 years. Reduced from \$2.50 and \$3.50 to—\$1.95.

Boys' caps that have sold down to small sizes only, melton and cheviot, silk or satin lined with ear laps, instead of 50c and 65c—25c.